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**Ms. Cindy Miller
1322 Utah Avenue
Libby, MT 59923**

Dear Ms. Miller:

You recently requested a letter from the U.S. EPA (EPA) regarding the status of your property at 1322 Utah Avenue. EPA conducted an inspection of the property in 2002. The purpose of the inspection was to identify potential sources of Libby asbestos, such as vermiculite attic insulation, and to collect soil samples if necessary. Our inspection found visible vermiculite present in the soils of the backyard. We collected soil samples in other areas of the yard, but have not yet analyzed them. We were not able to access the attic from inside of the home, but you did indicate that there is vermiculite inside of your attic and it could be accessed outside with a tall ladder or boom truck. As the cleanup draws near, an additional inspection will be necessary to determine the presence of vermiculite in the attic. This inspection is scheduled to be conducted in 2003.

I do not yet have a firm date for this cleanup, but EPA aims to complete all residential cleanups within approximately four years. All cleanup will be performed by EPA and there will be no cost to the owner, either current or future. The details of any cleanup will be discussed and agreed upon with the owner prior to any work. If you have any questions, please contact the EPA Information Center in Libby at 293-6194.

Sincerely,

**Jim Christiansen
Superfund Project Manager**

